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For: LASER DIODE, SEMICONDUCTOR LIGHT-EMITTING DEVICE, AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 2828

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT IN PAPER NO. 07

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in full and timely response to the election of invention requirement in the Office Action dated March 12, 2003 (Paper No. 07), for which a month was allotted for reply. Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby elects with traverse the invention of Group I, having claims 1 to 11, drawn to a semiconductor light emitting device. Pleas hold the claims of Group II, having claims 12 to 16, in abeyand pending a later decision to rejoin the method claims upon allowance of the elected apparatus claims, in accordance 814.02.

Accordingly, this election is made with traverse to preserve the right of rejoinder at a later date.

Please note the filing of an IDS on December 3, 2002. Please take that information into account in the initial examination of this application, together with the information contained in the Description of the Related Art in the specification at pages 1 to 4 and in Fig. 12, and make their consideration of record.

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PATENT APPLICATION

An early action on the merits of the elected invention is solicited.

Respectfylly submitted,

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